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See 37 CFR 1.27.
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(Figs. 1-16)

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Dear Sirs:

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- (a) FORM PTO/SB/05 (03-01) - Utility Patent Application Transmittal;
- (b) German-language patent application of thirteen (13) pages;
- (c) Five (5) sheets of drawing (Figs. 1-16);
- (d) Preliminary Amendment; and
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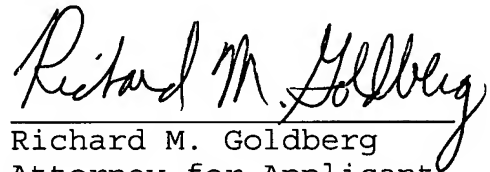
The filing fee, signed Declaration and Power of Attorney and English-language translation of the application together with a statement that the translation is accurate, will be subsequently filed in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-provisional Application.

The applicant qualifies for small entity status.

The present application claims priority from German Application No. 101 10 138.4, filed March 2, 2001. It is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be granted a filing date within the March 2, 2002 convention term, based on German Application No. 101 10 138.4, filed March 2, 2001.

As the present application is forwarded in accordance with the procedure for transmittal by "EXPRESS MAIL" as set forth in 37 CFR 1.10 as amended by Public Law 97-247, assignment of a filing date as of the date of mailing, is believed to be in order and is requested. Likewise, due assignment of a Serial No. in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53 as amended is likewise requested.

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